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(Shipping Board), all certificates of competency (shipmasters'
and mates' licences), issued by East German, West German or former
German Reich authorities prior to 1 January 1955, will be exchanged at
the East German Seefahrtsamt (Shipping Board) in Rostock-Gehlsdorf.
All certificates for which no application for exchange has been made
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Comment. For copy of the official announcement published by the
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Official Announcement by the Shipping Board of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany).

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All certificates of competency for the seagoing professions after called certificates of competency - issued by the authorities of East Germany, West Germany or the former German Reich prior to January 1955 - to be exchanged by the Seefahrtsamt der DDR in Rostock (East German Shipping Board) of 14, Faehrstrasse, Rostock - Geblsdorf. Application for the exchange of these certificates of competency must be sent in in writing to the above Seefahrtsamt by 31 March 1955.

Certificates, for which no application of exchange is submitted by that date, will be invalidated, effective on 1 April 1955. The application for the exchange of a certificate will include the following statements:

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2. Kind and date of its issuance;
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Rostock - Gehlsdorf, 8 December 1954

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